

B²
4. The method of claim 1 wherein said compound binds to a cis-acting regulatory sequence of said AFABP, wherein said sequence comprises SEQ ID NO:8.

B³
8. The method of claim 7, wherein said antisense nucleic acid molecule comprises at least 10 nucleotides the sequence of which is complementary to an mRNA encoding an AFABP polypeptide, said AFABP polypeptide being encoded by the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

B⁴ 5013
12. A method of inhibiting differentiation of a macrophage into a foam cell, comprising contacting said macrophage with an inhibitor of AFABP expression, wherein said AFABP comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 and wherein a reduction in AFABP expression inhibits differentiation of a macrophage into a foam cell.

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending. Claims 13-23 were canceled as being drawn to a non-elected invention. The amendment of claims 1, 2, and 12 is supported by disclosure at page 12, lines 10-13, of the specification. The amendment of claim 4 is supported by disclosure at page 15, lines 15-29, of the specification. The amendment of claim 8 is supported by disclosure at page 8, line 24, to page 9, line 4, of the specification.

No new matter has been added by this amendment.